

Farm and Household.

Butter Making.

The editor of the New England Farmer says that good butter cannot be made without a careful observation of the following rules.

1. Perfect cleanliness in everything, from the milking of the cow to packing the butter down.
2. A dry, well ventilated room in which to set milk, at a temperature of from 60 to 65 degrees.
3. Cream not to stand over thirty-six hours—twenty-four is frequently better—in winter; and in summer, twelve to eighteen hours, in most dairy rooms.
4. Stir the cream, and add a little salt each time of skimming the milk.
5. Churn often; twice or three times a week is better than only once.
6. One ounce of salt to a pound of butter will more nearly meet the average taste than a larger or smaller quantity.

To Speedily Remove Corns.

Bathe the foot or feet well in warm water about half an hour before going to bed. When the corns have become soft by bathing, shave down the horny parts smooth, but not so close as to produce blood; then moisten the tops of them and rub over them a little lunar caustic. This caustic must be gently rubbed on until a sufficiency of it sticks on the corns to change them first to a gray and then to a deep black. Put a little cotton over them to prevent the sticking rubbing them. In a few days they will come out by the roots.

This is the remedy of Dr. Brown of Philadelphia, and I know by experience that it is good.

Apple Tree Borer.

I have found an effectual remedy for the destruction of the egg of the apple tree borer. After the deposit of the egg of the borer, which occurs in September, make a wash of one pound of sal-soda, put into two gallons of hot water; let it stand for thirty minutes, stirring it frequently. Then take a rag and rub the body of the tree—the lower part especially—with this wash, and the work is done. This is a good wash for removing the lice from the limbs. I have had several young trees destroyed by these pests, but by using the above wash I have no trouble.—Cor. N. E. Farmer.

Insects on the Evergreens.

There are several insect enemies to the evergreens, and they seem to have been unusually abundant this year. We have noticed marked instances of their destructiveness in various places. The insects we have seen as well as specimens that have been sent, are the larvae of a Saw fly, several species of which infest the pines, spruces, and other coniferous trees cultivated for ornament. *Lophyrus abietis* attacks the Fir and Pitch Pine; *L. Abotii* is found upon the White Pine; and *L. lecontei* infests the Scotch and Austrian Pines. Referring to works upon entomology for full descriptions, we briefly say that the perfect insects are only about one-fourth of an inch in length; the larvae, which do the mischief, are from half an inch to an inch long, in the different species, and are yellowish with green, and in some, black stripes. The eggs are laid upon the leaves, and the caterpillars feed, often in considerable numbers together, upon the foliage, to the great injury of the trees. The one which infests the White Pine is often found as late as November. The larvae when full-fed, spin tough cocoons either upon the trees, or descend to the ground and spin among the dead leaves, etc. They can only be attacked in the larvae, or caterpillar state, and are said to be easily killed by carbolic soap, whale oil soap, or tobacco water. Many are destroyed by shaking them from the trees early in the morning when they are torpid. Being so small and so near the color of the leaves, the caterpillars are not usually noticed until the appearance of the tree shows that it has sustained some injury.

Iceing for Cakes.

Take of the best white sugar one pound, and pour over it just enough cold water to dissolve the lumps; then take the whites of three eggs, and beat up the mixture. It will first become thin and clear, and afterward begin to thicken. When it becomes quite thick remove it from the fire, and continue the beating until it becomes cold, then spread it on with a knife. It is perfectly white, glistens beautifully, and is so hard and smooth when dry that you may write very well upon it with a pencil.

Trimming Gooseberries and Currants.

As soon as Gooseberries and Currants have dropped their leaves, trim them—thinning out the center. The wood that is cut out can be cut into cuttings about six inches long, and set out in rows, say eighteen inches apart. Set them up to the top eye, packing the soil firmly around them, which allow to remain over winter to prevent the "heaving" of soil.

STORING CELERY.—To make celery good, in winter and spring, it requires storing properly. The following method is very common, and perhaps as good as any. Sink barrels in the earth, so that the tops are two or three inches below the surface, and then fill them compactly with celery, without any soil, but with close, compact covers upon them, so as to exclude moisture, and then a couple of inches of soil.

CATCHING HORSES IN PASTURE.—A writer in the Cincinnati Gazette takes a few sweet apples when going to turn the horse out, and feeds one before taking the bridle off, and one or two more when the horse is taken again when the horse is to be caught and no trouble is experienced.

Fireside Department.

SLEEP AND DEATH.

A GERMAN FABLE.

The Angel of Slumber and the Angel of Death, fraternally locked in each other's arms, wandered over the earth.

It was evening: they reclined upon a hillside, and the inhabitants of men were not far off; a sad stillness pervaded the air, and the evening bell of the village was hushed. Still and silent, as if in manner, the two beneficent geni of mankind reposed in a mournful embrace, and night came rapidly on.

Then the Angel of Slumber rose from his mossy couch, and softly scattered from his hand the invisible slumber-seeds. The wind of heaven waited them to the quiet dwellings of the weary husbandmen, and forthwith sweet sleep descended upon the inhabitants of the cottages; the sick man forgot his pains; the unhappy his sorrows; the poor his cares; every eye was closed.

And now, his benign labors being ended, the kind Angel of Slumber again lay down by the side of his thoughtful brother, and said, cheerfully:

"When the red morning awakes then will mankind bless me as their friend and benefactor. Oh, how sweet it is to do good unseen and in secret! how delightful is our duty!"

Thus spake the friendly Angel of Slumber. The Angel of Death looked upon him with silent sorrow, and a tear, such as immortals shed, gathered in his large dark eye.

"Alas!" said he, "that I cannot like myself, rejoice in their gratitude; the earth calls me her enemy and the disturber of her peace."

"My brother," replied the Angel of Slumber, "will not the good when they awaken own thee as their friend and benefactor, and will they not bless thee? Are we not brothers and messengers of our father?"

Thus he spake: the eye of the Angel of Death sparkled, and he clasped his brother more fondly in his embrace.

Early Influences. There can be no greater blessing than to be born in a cheerful, loving home. It not only insures a happy childhood—if there be health and a good constitution—but almost makes sure a virtuous and happy manhood, and a fresh young heart in old age. I think it every parent's duty to try to make their children's childhood full of love and proper joyousness; and I never see children destitute of them, through the poverty, faulty tempers or wrong notions of parents, without a heart-ache. Not that all the appliances wealth can buy are necessary to the free and happy unfolding of childhood in body or heart—quite otherwise, heaven be thanked! But children must at least have love in the house, and fresh air and good play, and some good companionship out of it, otherwise young life runs great danger of withering, or growing stunted or sour, or at best permanently old and turned inward on itself.

The Triumphant Entry.

Two vast streams of people met on that day. Half of the vast mass, turning round, preceded; the other half followed. Gradually the long procession swept up and over the ridge where first begins "the descent of the Mount of Olives" toward Jerusalem. At this point the first view is caught of the southeastern corner of the city. The temple and the more northern portions are hid by the slope of Olivet on the right; what is seen is only Mount Zion, now for the most part a rough field, covered with the mosque of David, and the angle of the western walls, but then covered with houses to its base, surmounted by the castle of Herod, on the supposed site of the palace of David, from which that portion of Jerusalem, emphatically the "City of David," derived its name. It was at this precise point "as he drew near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives"—(may it not have been from the sight thus opening upon them)—that the shout of triumph burst forth from the multitude, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

Make Your Mark.

Shame on the young man who says "I can't." There is always room and a way for those who will. Poverty and even misfortune cannot keep one from making his mark if he but says I will. Set your mark and work to it, and although you should fall short, the assured that you will not pass unnoticed from the world. Look at the many records of honor and affluence attained from and by persons in the lowest ranks of life, and then ask yourself "what can't a young man do in this age and country?" Why stand we here idle, whilst others are seizing hold of the many chances around us? Write in most countries all, with the exception of the favored few, are debarred of the privilege of participating in the affairs of the nation, here no position so high that a young man may not aspire to, or receive at the hands of the people.

Here distinction can be sought in many avenues laid open to emulation by a Republican form of government. Commerce, Law, and Divinity are all open to the searcher after knowledge, and none to say you nay.

Awake then young men of America to a sense of your duty. Look around you, over this most glorious country dotted with lakes, rivers and railroads, and see if you cannot somewhere find your sphere of action, and then make your mark.

"Boy!" cried out Brown to the waiter at Sam's. "Don't call me boy. Sir; I'm no boy, Sir," said the waiter. "Then do as you'd be done by," put in Brown, "and don't call this nut-lamb any more."

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